

**Pentecost Noon Prayer Service**  
**Pentecost and Celebration of Graduates**

Minister: O God, make speed to save us.

People: **O Lord, make haste to help us**

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

(read by minister)

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to  
number, \*  
creatures both small and great.  
27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.  
28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.  
29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled  
with good things.  
30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are  
created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
32 May the glory of the LORD endure for  
ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.  
33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they  
smoke.  
34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my  
being.  
35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.  
37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

First Reading

*Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

*Reader: Here ends the reading.*

### Second Reading

*Reader: A Reading from the Gospel of John*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

*Reader: Here ends the reading.*

### Reflection

#### Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

Minister: Lord, hear our prayer

**People: And let our cry come to you**

Minister: Let us pray

Minister: Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Graduation Prayer

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For anyone embarking on a new adventure,  
**this prayer is for you.**

For anyone witnessing a loved one transitioning to something new,  
**this prayer is for you.**

For those uncertain about the future, or where your path will take you,  
**this prayer is for you.**

For anyone who has wondered where God is calling them,  
**this prayer is for you.**

It's a season of both letting go and holding on, the season of remembering what was, and looking forward to what will be. A season forcing us to look back at where we've been, And the people and places who have shaped us.  
**May we let go and hold on with wisdom and grace.**

In this season of letting go and holding on, remember the love of God. The God who formed you and counts the hairs on your head, the God who dwells in you, whose Spirit gives you strength and courage. The God who calls you a beloved child.  
**May we know the security of Divine Love in changing and challenging times.**

In this season of letting go and holding on, remember the radical love of Jesus. Jesus who loves you as you are, who knows the pain and fear you experience, who walked with the lonely and forsaken, who took his love for the world to the cross, to bring us all to new life.  
**May we know the saving love of Jesus when we are lonely, lost, or forsaken.**

In this season of letting go and holding on, remember the presence of the Spirit, who infuses hope in your days, nourishes your parched soul, and gathers others to be your community and support.  
**May we know the grace and power of the Spirit when we are hopeless, desperate, and dried up.**

In these days of joy and fear, remember you are not alone. Your path may seem clear, or perhaps uncertain, yet either way you walk, and even in the steps that may feel foreign or backwards, you do not go alone.  
**May we know the grand Communion of Saints that surrounds us and the God who dwells within us when we fear we have no one and feel we have nothing.**

Dismissal

May you find courage when life calls upon you to be brave, grace when life calls upon you to be understanding, love when life calls upon you to bring goodness, and peace when life calls upon you to rest. May you all, especially Eden, Taylor, and Wini, go forth into the next chapter knowing that we will always be united to one another in God.  
**Amen.**